

**INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ALLIANCE
2004 SPECIAL 301 REPORT**

SPECIAL MENTION

ARMENIA

Armenia, now a member of the WTO, is not TRIPS compliant in its enforcement regime. In particular, Armenian enforcement of IPR violations is inadequate as a legal and practical matter, with no known criminal convictions, no *ex officio* authority granted to police to commence criminal copyright cases, and because the criminal code sets an unreasonably high threshold to apply to IPR violations—even after adoption of the November 2002 amendments.

According to the recording industry (the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, IFPI), the level of music piracy in Armenia is estimated at about 86% (more than 95% for international repertoire) with trade losses estimated at US\$4.1 million. It is also estimated by the recording industry that in total, 3.6 million cassettes and 0.9 million CDs were sold in Armenia in 2003 and that, of these, 3.0 million cassettes and 0.8 million CDs were pirated copies.